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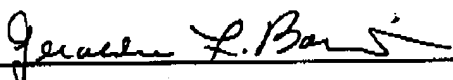
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 17, 2001, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please enter the amendments below and consider the remarks below. Also submitted herewith is (a) an attached Exhibit A, a copy of the claims pending upon entry of this amendment; (b) a petition for extension of time for one month, extending the time for response to and including Monday, November 19, 2001, the first business day after Saturday, November 17, 2001; and (c) a copy of each of the Information Disclosure Statement and the List of References Cited, previously filed on June 22, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

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